



# DRAFT MINUTES

## EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 16, 2020 | 1:30 p.m. | 445 State Capitol

### Members Present:

Sen. Deidre M. Henderson, Chair  
Rep. V. Lowry Snow, Chair  
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore  
Sen. Keith Grover  
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard  
Sen. Kathleen Riebe  
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard  
Rep. Dan N. Johnson  
Rep. Bradley G. Last  
Rep. Jefferson Moss  
Rep. Lee B. Perry  
Rep. Val L. Peterson

Rep. Stephanie Pitcher  
Rep. Susan Pulsipher  
Rep. Adam Robertson  
Rep. Angela Romero  
Rep. Mark A. Strong  
Rep. Steve Waldrip  
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

### Staff Present:

Allyson R. Hicks, Policy Analyst  
Micah Ann Wixom, Policy Analyst  
Michael E. Curtis, Associate General Counsel  
Amy Shewan, Associate General Counsel  
Diana Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

## 1 . Local Education Agency Reporting Requirements

Benn Buys, Audit Manager, Office of the Legislative Auditor General, and Ryan Thelin, Legislative Auditor, Office of the Legislative Auditor General, presented on the performance audit of education reporting requirements.

### [2 - Public Education Reporting Requirements Presentation](#)

### [2 - Letter to Education Interim Committee](#)

### [2 - Public Education Reporting Requirements Audit](#)

Jeffrey G. Van Hulten, Policy Advisor, Utah State Board of Education, gave an overview of how USBE is responding to the recommendations from the performance audit.

### [2 - USBE Survey Policy](#)

### [2 - USBE Public Reporting Audit Response](#)

### [2 - USIMS Roadmap](#)

### [2 - State Code and Board Rule Reporting Requirements](#)

Kim Frank, Utah Charter Network, spoke to the issue.

## 2 . Committee Business

**MOTION:** Rep. Snow moved to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2020, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 18 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-18

Rep. M. Ballard  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. D. Henderson  
Sen. L. Hillyard  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. B. Last  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pitcher  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Waldrip  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0Absent-1

Rep. L. Perry

**3 . Public Education COVID-19 Response and Recovery Update**

Sydnee Dickson, Superintendent, Utah State Board of Education, discussed challenges of responding to COVID-19 in public schools and suggestions for the Legislature.

[3 - USBE Report - Return to School](#)

Lexi Cunningham, Utah School Superintendents Association discussed updates on schools reopening.

[3 - Utah School Superintendents Association Presentation](#)

Jill Parker, Utah Association of Local Health Departments, described how local health departments are working with school districts.

[3 - Utah Association of Local Health Departments Presentation](#)

Samuel Jarman, Superintendent, Alpine School District, discussed the school district's response to COVID-19.

Ralph Clegg, Health Officer, Utah County Health Department, discussed coordination with school districts.

Jeff Stephens, Superintendent, Weber School District, discussed new schedule model and learning platform for students and teachers in the school district.

Brian Bennion, Health Officer, Weber Morgan Health Department, discussed active cases in the districts.

Jennifer Lambert, Executive Director, Utah State Charter School Board, discussed adjustments being carried out in the Utah's charter schools.

Sarah Young, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Utah State Board of Education, discussed grants and resources used to provide broadband service to K-12 households.

Todd Call, Digital Teaching and Learning Coordinator, Utah State Board of Education, discussed details on digital teaching and learning.

[3 - Broadband and Device Access in Kindergarten through Grade 12 \(Young\)](#)

Dr. Angela Dunn, State Epidemiologist, Utah Department of Health, and Sydnee Dickson responded to questions from the committee.

[3 - COVID-19 School Manual](#)

**4 . Higher Education COVID-19 Response and Recovery - Update**

Spencer Jenkins, Chief Student Affairs Officer, Utah Board of Higher Education, discussed COVID-19 adaptations in higher education institutions, including challenges with contact tracing.

Astrid Tuminez, President, Utah Valley University, gave an overview of the changes implemented and additional resources allocated for students and faculty.

[4 - UVU During COVID-19 Legislative Presentation](#)

Brennan Wood, President, Southwest Technical College, discussed suggested protocols for students as they navigate changes in school.

[4 - Southwest Technical College COVID-19 Update \(Wood\)](#)

**5 . Other Items/Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Rep. Perry moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-15

Rep. M. Ballard  
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Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. B. Last  
Rep. S. Pitcher  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. S. Waldrip